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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: NATO, AWACS, MILL, IEPG  
SUBJECT: NATO AEW AND THE IEPG

1. IN APRIL 20 DISCUSSION WITH POL/MIL COUNSELOR ON  
OTHER SUBJECTS, MOD VICE CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL MAININI  
REFERRED BRIEFLY TO PRESENT STATUS NATO AEW.

2. THERE WAS IN MAININI'S VIEW MUCH POLITICAL CAPITAL  
INVESTED IN HAVING AWACS CARRIED FORWARD TO ITS POSITION  
ON MARCH 25, AND A SOLUTION WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND TO  
THE PROBLEM CREATED BY THE BRITISH "DEFECTION". FRG  
DEFMIN LEBER HAD WRITTEN SUGGESTING THAT THE EUROPEAN  
PROGRAM GROUP MEET TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE JOINT POSITION  
BEFORE CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S. MAININI, AS  
"MILITARY CHAIRMAN" OF THE IEPG, SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD  
TO HAVING THE GROUP TAKE UP THE ISSUE IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT  
A "EUROPEAN" PROPOSAL (WHICH WOULD IDEALLY INCLUDE THE  
FRENCH). THE NEXT SCHEDULED IEPG MEETING IS FOR SEPTEMBER,  
BUT MAININI EXPECTED A SPECIAL MEETING COULD BE  
ARRANGED THIS SUMMER. IT WOULD BE, HE THOUGHT,  
THE ULTIMATE TEST FOR THE IEPG. IF THE GROUP FAILED  
TO COME UP WITH A PROPOSAL FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE AND  
IMAGINATIVE EXIT FROM THE PRESENT AWACS IMPASSE IT  
WILL HAVE DEMONSTRATED ITS INABILITY TO DEAL WITH OTHER  
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LESS CLEARLY DEFINED AREAS OF POSSIBLE ALLIED  
COOPERATION -- AND OUGHT TO BE GIVEN A QUIET BURIAL.GARDNER

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